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Applicants: J. Pineiro, et al.

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For: INDOLE AND INDOLINE DERIVATIVES AS 5-HT₆ SELECTIVE LIGANDSExaminer:
D. LambkinHonorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of March 9, 2000, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the amended claims and remarks. A petition for a two-month extension of time, an additional reference, and PTO Form 1499 are also enclosed herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 2, 3, 4 and 12 as shown below and add new claim

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1. (Amended) A method for the treatment and/or prevention of a clinical condition for which selective agonism or antagonism of 5-HT₆ receptors is indicated comprising administering to a patient in need of such treatment an effective amount of a compound, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or prodrug thereof, having a structure in accordance with Formula I[,] or II [or III]:

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